

CITY OF EUREKA

Category: ADMINISTRATION

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Subject: TICKET DISTRIBUTION POLICY

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POLICY OBJECTIVE

To ensure that all Tickets the City receives from public and private entities and individuals are distributed in furtherance of governmental and/or public purposes.

APPLICATION OF POLICY

Types of Tickets: This Policy applies to Tickets which provide admission to a facility or event for an entertainment, amusement, recreational or similar purpose, and are either:

- a) Gratuitously provided to the City by an outside source;
- b) Acquired by the City by purchase;
- c) Acquired by the City as consideration pursuant to the terms of a contract for the use of a city venue; or
- d) Acquired and distributed by the City in any other manner.

Policy Applicable to Tickets Only: This Policy shall only apply to the City's distribution of Tickets to, or at the behest of a City Official. This Policy does not apply to any other item of value provided to the City or any City Official, regardless of whether received gratuitously or for which consideration is provided.

DEFINITIONS

"City" or "City of Eureka" shall mean and include the City of Eureka or any other affiliated agency created or activated by the Eureka City Council or the City Charter and any departments, boards and commissions thereof.

"City Official" shall mean and refer to the City's "public officials," as that term is defined by Government Code Section 82048 and FPPC Regulation 18701. Such term shall include, without limitation, any City board, commission, or committee member or other appointed official or employee required to file an annual Statement of Economic interest (FPPC Form 700).

"FPPC" shall mean and refer to the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

"Immediate family" shall mean and refer to the spouse and dependent children.

"Policy" shall mean and refer to this Ticket Distribution Policy.

"Ticket" shall mean and refer to a "ticket or pass" as that term is defined in FPPC Regulation 18944.1, as amended from time to time, but which currently defines a "ticket or pass" as admission privilege to a facility, event, show or performance for an entertainment, amusement, recreational, or similar purpose.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

No right to Tickets: The use of complimentary Tickets is a privilege extended by the City and not the right of any person to which the privilege may from time to time be extended.

Limitation on Transfer of Tickets: Tickets distributed to a City Official pursuant to this Policy shall not be transferred to any other person, except to members of such City Official's immediate family solely for their personal use.

Prohibition Against Sale of or Receiving Reimbursement for Tickets: No person who receives a Ticket pursuant to this policy shall sell or receive reimbursement for the value of such Ticket.

Implementation of Policy: The City Manager shall have the authority, in his or her sole discretion, to establish procedures for the distribution of Tickets in accordance with this Policy. All request for Tickets, which fall within the scope of this Policy shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by the City Manager.

Designation of Agency Head: The City Manager shall have or his/her designee shall be the "Agency Head" for purposes of implementing the provision of this Policy and completing and posting the FPPC California Form 802

No Earmarking of Ticket to City: No Ticket gratuitously provided to the City by an outside source and distributed to, or at the behest of, a City Official pursuant to this Policy shall be earmarked by the original source for provision to a particular City Official.

DISTRIBUTION

Subject to the provisions of this Policy, complimentary Tickets may be distributed to City Officials under the following conditions:

1. The City Official reimburses the City for the face value of the Tickets(s); or
2. The City Official treats the Tickets(s) as income consistent with applicable federal and state income tax laws; or
3. The distribution of the Ticket(s) to, or at the behest of, the City Official accomplishes a governmental and /or public purpose. The following list of governmental and/or public purposes the City may accomplish through the distribution of Tickets is illustrative rather than exhaustive:
 - a) Facilitating the performance of a ceremonial role or function by a City Official on behalf of the City at an event.

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- b) Facilitating the attendance of a City Official at an event where the job duties of the City Official require his or her attendance at the event.
- c) Promotion of intergovernmental relations and/or cooperation and coordination of resources with other governmental agencies, including, but not limited to attendance at an event with or by elected or appointed public officials from other jurisdictions, their staff members and their guests.
- d) Promotion of City resources and/or facilities available to Eureka residents.
- e) Promotion of City-run, sponsored or supported community programs or events.
- f) Promoting, supporting and/or showing appreciation for programs or services rendered by charitable and non-profit organization benefiting Eureka residents.
- g) Promotion of business activity and development within the City.
- h) Promotion of City –owned businesses.
- i) Promotion of City recognition, visibility, and/or profile on a local, state, national or worldwide scale
- j) Promotion of open government by City official appearances, participation and/or availability at business and/or community events.
- k) Increasing public exposure to and awareness of, the various recreational, cultural and education venues and facilities available to the public within the City.
- l) Attracting or rewarding volunteer public service.
- m) Encouraging or rewarding significant academic, athletic, or public service achievements by Eureka students, residents or businesses.
- n) Attracting and retaining highly qualified employees in the City service.
- o) Recognizing or rewarding meritorious service by a City employee.
- p) Promoting enhanced City employee performance or morale.
- q) Recognizing contribution made to the City by former City Council Members or City employees.

DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

This Policy shall be posted on the City Website.

Tickets distributed by the City to any City Official shall be posted on the City website within thirty (30) days after distribution. Such posting shall incorporate the use of FPPC California Form 802 or such alternative form(s) as may be designated by the FPPC. Tickets distributed by the City for which the City receives reimbursement from the City Official shall not be subject to the disclosure.